> **Recent updates:** (changes highlighted in yellow)
> **12/20/21:** Updated to reflect edits to the County Health Officer Order made to align with the State Health Officer Order regarding timing of tests for admission to events.

In response to the ongoing community transmission of COVID-19 and the presence of new and emerging variants, the new Health Officer Order requires certain higher risk businesses to take additional steps to ensure the safety of their customers and employees, including verification of vaccination status prior to entry. Requiring vaccination for those entering these businesses will help to reduce community spread, lower the risk to workers, and encourage residents to get vaccinated. Vaccines are safe and effective, widely available in the County, and the best way to reduce the risk of getting sick from COVID-19.

Per published reports, factors that increase the risk of infection, including transmission to people more than 6 feet away, include:

- **Enclosed spaces with inadequate ventilation or air handling** that allow for build-up of exhaled respiratory fluids, especially very fine droplets and aerosol particles, in the air.
- **Increased exhalation of respiratory fluids** that can occur when an infectious person is engaged in physical exertion or raises their voice (e.g., exercising, shouting, singing).
- **Prolonged exposure** to these conditions.

Large events, such as Mega Events, present increased risk for COVID-19 transmission because attendees are spending long periods of time physically close to large numbers of people they don't usually interact with, thereby increasing the risk that respiratory particles containing COVID-19 virus will be transmitted between attendees. Businesses that serve food and beverages to customers indoors are also considered higher-risk settings for COVID-19 transmission because persons, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, are indoors, often without face masks, for an extended time.

Key Provisions

Below are the updated Health Officer Order requirements for both Mega Events (indoor events with 1,000+ attendees or outdoor events 10,000+ attendees) and bars, breweries, wineries, distilleries, nightclubs, and lounges. Note that all customers and employees must continue to wear face masks while at Indoor or Outdoor Mega Events regardless of vaccination status.

- ✓ Mega Events:
  - ✓ All attendees at Indoor Mega Events must show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 or a negative viral test result prior to entry. Children under the age of two years are exempt.
    - ▪ If providing a negative test result, it must be either:

- A PCR test taken within 2 days of the event; or
- An antigen test taken within 1 day of the event.

✓ All attendees ages 5 years and over at <u>Outdoor</u> Mega Events must show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 or negative viral test result prior to entry. Children under the age of five years are exempt.

- If providing a negative test result, it must be either:
  - A PCR test taken within 2 days of the event; or
  - An antigen test taken within 1 day of the event.

✓ Operators of Mega Events are required to cross-check proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 viral test results for attendees who are 18 years or older against a photo identification.

✓ Attestation is not sufficient to prove vaccination status or test results.

✓ See the [Vaccine Verification Guide](#) and the [Test Verification Guide](#) for step-by-step instructions.

✓ <u>Bars, breweries, wineries, and distilleries:</u>

  ✓ Operators must verify that all patrons ages 12 and over and on-site employees are fully vaccinated for entry into the facility to obtain indoor services. See the [Vaccine Verification Guide](#) for step-by-step instructions.

  ✓ Patrons who do not provide proof of vaccination may be seated and served in the outdoor portion of the facility.

  - Certain persons, who wear a well-fitted mask may be permitted to enter the indoor portion of the facility temporarily for limited purposes, such as, to make a delivery or pick-up; to provide a service or repair; for an emergency or regulatory visit; to utilize the restroom; or to pick-up a to-go order.

✓ <u>Nightclubs and lounges:</u>

  ✓ Operators must verify that all patrons and on-site employees are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. See the [Vaccine Verification Guide](#) for step-by-step instructions.

  ✓ Patrons who do not provide proof of vaccination may only be seated and/or served in outdoor portions of the facility.

  - Certain persons, who must wear a well-fitted mask, may be permitted to enter the indoor portion of the facility temporarily for limited purposes such as to make a delivery or pick-up; to provide a service or repair; for an emergency or regulatory visit; to utilize the restroom; or to pick-up a to-go order.

In addition to the requirements above, the Health Officer Order **strongly recommends** that restaurants and other food facilities reserve the indoor areas of their establishments for individuals who are able to

present proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 prior to entry. This should not apply to persons wearing a well-fitting mask who enter the indoor portion of the facility temporarily for limited purposes, such as to make a delivery or pick-up; to provide a service or repair; for an emergency or regulatory visit; to utilize the restroom; or to pick-up a to-go order.

Additional Resources

Please visit the following sites for more information about how to comply with the new Health Officer Order:

- General Information about vaccination and [how to set up a vaccination clinic](#) at your worksite can be found at [VaccinateLACounty.com](#).
- See the LA County [Visual Guidance Verifying Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination](#) for more detailed information and step-by-step verification instructions with images of different vaccine documentation.
- See LA County [Visual Guidance Verifying Proof of a Negative COVID-19 Test](#) for detailed instructions about how to verify COVID-19 test results.
- See [FAQ for Event Operators](#) for specific questions related to the vaccination or test requirement for Mega Events.
- See [FAQ for Nightclubs, Bars, Lounges, Breweries, Wineries, and Distilleries](#) for specific questions related to the vaccination requirement for these businesses.
- See the [Business COVID-19 Safety Compliance Certificate Program](#) website for training materials.